



Doctor Agustín Ugarte who represented Honduras at the recent conference which was held in Washington to conserve the peace of the Central American republic.

TO GATHER PRUNES.

CALIFORNIA RANCHER HOPES TO USE MONKEYS.

Orders a Consignment of 500 Chatterers from Panama and Will Train Them to Work in the Orchards.

San José, Cal.—Central American monkeys, trained to hop over orchard clods and pick up the succulent prunes that are now ripening in Santa Clara valley, are believed by Martin V. Seely of this city to be the solution of the California labor problem. To this end Mr. Seely has ordered a consignment

of 500 animals from Panama and is now training some eight or ten in his ranch in the coastal range foothills.

For years California fruit growers yearly have been confronted with the question of harvesting their crops. Santa Clara valley is the heaviest producer of prunes in the United States, if not in the world. The work of gathering the fruit into boxes for shipping after it has ripened and fallen to the ground formerly was done by men sent by labor agencies from San Francisco, augmented by school children from foothill towns. But with the influx of aggressive Japanese white labor rebelled against

JUDGE M'CURDY

The Prominent Knight Templar, Has Answered the Final Summons. Began Life in Birmingham.

Hugh McCurdy, former head of the Knights Templars in the United States, who died at his home in Corona on Friday last week, was born in Hamden, Lanarkshire, Scotland, December, 1829. When 3 years of age he came to this country with his parents and just 71 years ago he came to Birmingham, a bare-foot, penniless lad. He became a protegee of the late Dr. Ebenezer Raynolds, who did for the lit. stranger all that a father could do for a son.

His first stroke for fortune was in the humble capacity of cooper's apprentice. He had early learned the lesson of doing with his might whatever his hands found to do and his work as a cooper soon began to take on those peculiarities of excellence for which have since distinguished all his work. He was also local agent of the Detroit & Pontiac road, the advance agent of railroads, when strap rails were still in use. It was during this time that Mr. McCurdy took up the study of law.

In 1847 he taught the village school, and the following year was in charge of the school in Oak. He next became a student in the law office of Baldwin & Draper, at Pontiac, and was admitted to the bar in 1854. Moving to Corona, he was appointed by Judge Green to fill vacancy as Prosecuting Attorney, and in 1856 the Democrats elected him to that office. In 1860 he was elected Judge of Probate. Though the county has for many years been strongly Republican, he was again chosen Prosecuting Attorney, member of the Board of Supervisors, many times without opposition. He also represented his county in the State Senate. He founded the First National Bank of Corona, and was its President until he sold out, eight years later.

He was initiated in Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., on August 5, 1860, and 10 days later he was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason. Masonry was his delight and he made rapid progress. January 17, 1873, he was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge—something which had not previously occurred. On October 2 of that year he laid the cornerstone of the State Capitol at this place. November of that year he received the 33rd degree. For four years he was Grand Marshal of the Camp of the Supreme Council. August 11, 1892, he was elected by a unanimous ballot, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templars for the United States of America, at Denver, Colorado, which position he filled for three years. More than 300 uniformed Knights of all parts of the State attended the funeral, which took place on Sunday at McCurdy Park, Corona, where the remains lay in state.

ONE STONE FENCES FARM.

Missouri Man Has Land Where No Wheel Ever Rolled.

Jasper, Mo.—Within sight of this town a settler has a farm which probably is unlike any other in the world. This farm occupies the tableland on the summit of a ridge and is inclosed with a fence which no animal has broken through. It does not rise above the surface of the farm, but falls sheer from the edge a distance of many feet. The man who homesteaded the tableland had a hard climb up the face of a perpendicular cliff to reach the comparatively level summit.

At the point a ledge extends out a few inches and along the face of the cliff at an upward grade. By following this ledge and making use of occasional points of rocks and of shrubs growing in the fissures the discoverer pulled himself to the summit and found a surface well covered with a soft and luxuriant vegetation. Gradually he improved the ledge until he could carry up tools and seed. By blasting and drilling he cleared a narrow trail, up which he was able to take fire and plow and then a cow. Later, on he took up a horse.

And that to-day is the condition of this curiously protected farm. No vehicle has turned a wheel within its limits of palisades. The live stock has multiplied and consumes the grain raised. Some stones thrown across the trail completely fence in the hogs and cattle. When the farmer has stock to sell he drives the animals down the private trail and strikes the road to Jasper.

WED BY SIGN LANGUAGE.

Unique Marriage Ceremony is Performed in Iowa.

Fertile, Ia.—A unique wedding ceremony occurred here in the marriage of Miss Purdy Smith to Frank Thompson, O. J. Ojerlund officiating, which was solemnized by use of the deaf mute language.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, prominent residents here, is a graduate of the deaf-mute school at Council Bluffs, and a most talented and charming young woman. The groom is a resident of Owatonna, Minn., is a printer by trade, and secured his education at the deaf-mute school in Minn., in an institution for mutes of that state. The officiating clergyman is also a mute. The young people will reside in Owatonna.

MAN HOLDS MANY JOBS.

Reporter Is Mayor, Magistrate, Auditor, City Clerk and Other Things.

Courtdale, Pa.—Not many public offices have escaped George Washington Williams, who is burgess or mayor, justice of the peace, auditor, secretary of the council or city clerk, and president of the board of health. Were he to lose his job as reporter on a local paper he might easily pick out and handle several other borough positions. Williams moved to Courtdale from Wilkesbarre two years ago. At almost immediately he was elected secretary of the borough council. He still retained his newspaper job, and

CATERPILLARS HALT TRAIN.

Three Times Within Mile Crew Shovels Them Off the Tracks.

St. John, N. B.—Moths, caterpillars and other like pests have had their appearance in great numbers in many sections of this province, particularly in York county. There they have caused considerable loss of crops, and several amusing stories are told of experiences when they have met in large bodies. Trainsman managing a freight between Fredricton Junction and McAdams are authority for a statement that appears incredible. They say that the heavy freight train was stopped three times within a mile by caterpillars which swarmed over the tracks in such numbers as to eventually impede the progress of the train. It was necessary to arm the entire train crew with shovels and scoop the thousands of pests off the tracks, and another those on the roadbed by shoveling gravel over them. They report every trace and bit of foliage along the line as being devoured of a trace.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

Stops the cough and heals the lungs.

Good intentions. More than 300 uniformed Knights of all parts of the State attended the funeral, which took place on Sunday at McCurdy Park, Corona, where the remains lay in state.

What man of the street is not swimming beyond the breakers? I suppose they are philanthropists in their way and want to help along the distribution of hero medals.—Washington Star.

A New Jersey man, aged 81, had his wife, aged 65, arrested for spanking him. Another molybdenite!

TO SEND COIN BY U. S. MAIL.

Express Companies Rudely Jarr'd by Discovery of New Clause.

Washington.—The treasury officials have recently discovered a highly interesting fact in regard to the appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government, which escaped general attention at the time it was enacted.

It pertains to the shipment of fractional silver coin from the several sub-treasuries of the United States to banks in various parts of the country. It now appears that in the case of attending the passage of the sundry civil bill, James Wesley Gaines of Tennessee caused to be inserted in the measure a provision that one-half of the \$60,000 appropriation for the transportation of coin shall be expended for registered mail. Heretofore shipments of currency have uniformly been made by express, and the express companies have been obliged to make good any loss by theft or other accident in transportation.

BEHOLDERS' STRANGE MEETING.

Waterbury, Conn.—Councillor Vicar Carlson is a crowded street here unintentionally jostled a well-dressed man. In the apology that followed Carlson discovered that the offended person is his brother August of Bolso, Idaho, whom he had not heard from in 12 years.

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In Montana, the new railroad traverses good farming land. It has been demonstrated that big crops of grain may be raised. Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers, the water is used for irrigation, and phenomenal yields of alfalfa, sugar beets, and grain, are always certain. In the Judith Basin near Lewistown, Montana, is one of the most remarkable sections to be found on the new line. wheat to the acre, and the price was 94 cents per bushel. The basin contains about 3500 square miles and is sparsely settled. Some government land still remains open for settlement. A government land office is maintained at Lewistown. In Fergus County, outside the Judith Basin, is one of the greatest stock countries in the world, and good ranches can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

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The International Congress on Tuberculosis will be held in Washington next September. A great exhibiting illustrative of what is being done the world around in the fight against the disease will be held in connection with the congress, and the two will continue from September 21 to October 12.

The Grand Trunk R'y System Will give another SUNDAY EXCURSION August 9

FARE FOR ROUND TRIP BIRMINGHAM

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Fare. Battle Creek \$1.75, Bay City and Saginaw \$1.55, Grand Rapids \$2.15, Holly \$1.00, Ionia \$1.75, Lansing \$1.25, Owosso \$1.25.

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